

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for fixing a windscreen wiper blade (1, 3, 5, 4) on an arm [(2)], the said blade (1, 3, 5, 4) having a through transverse pivot spindle intended for the pivoting connection with the said arm and the said arm [(2)] having an end rod, characterised in that it comprises an independent piece referred to as an adapter [(6)] mounted on the said blade (1, 3, 5, 4) and in which the said rod is fitted longitudinally.
2. (Currently Amended) The [(An)] arrangement according to Claim 1, characterised in that the said adapter [(6)] has a substantially U-shaped cross section whose flanges (6A, 6B) each have an orifice for snapping onto the said spindle [(4)] and an end of which, referred to as the entry end [(6C)], is open and in that the said adapter [(6)] comprises means for the trasverse and longitudinal locking of the said arm [(2)].
3. (Currently Amended) The [(An)] arrangement according to Claim 2, characterised in that a longitudinal locking means consists of an articulated part provided with a tenon [(9)] fitted in an orifice [(10)] arranged on the rod, when the latter is fitted.
4. (Currently Amended) The [(An)] arrangement according to Claim 3, characterised in that this locking means consists of a cross-member [(7)] aritcualted on the adapter by means of at least one flexible tongue [(8)], carrying the said tenon [(9)] and forming, with the web [(6D)] of the adapter at its entry end [(6C)], a positioning channel for the rod.
5. (Currently Amended) The [(An)] arrangement according to Claim 2 ~~one of Claims 2 to 4~~, characterised in that a longitudinal locking means consists of the housing [(11)] arranged on the adapter in which a stop [(12)] on the rod comes into engagement, when the latter is fitted.
6. (Currently Amended) The [(An)] arrangement according to Claim 5, characterised in that the said housing [(11)] is arranged on the web [(6D)] of the adapter close to its end opposite to the entry end [(6C)] and the said stop [(12)] arranged at the end of the rod.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] arrangement according to Claim 6, characterised in that the said housing [[(11)]] is conformed by virtue of a profiled snapping-in rib [[(14)]] on the internal surface of the adapter and the said stop [[(12)]] is a profiled catch at the end of the rod.
8. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] arrangement according to Claim 2 ~~one of Claims 2 to 7~~, characterised in that the adapter [[(6)]] has at least one fixed cross-member [[(13)]] for the transverse locking of the rod.
9. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] arrangement according to Claim 2 ~~one of Claims 2 to 8~~, characterised in that the web [[(6D)]] of the adapter is provided with a longitudinal opening [[(15)]] allowing passage of the rod when it is fitted.